

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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January 14, 2004

Citation No. 03-04-0097

Claudia Gonzales, P.T.
4811 Corliss St
San Diego CA 92105

License No. PT 28988

CITATION

Information obtained by the Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) has determined that actions taken by you, Claudia Gonzalez, P.T., violated sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

The information alleged that you worked as "physical therapist license applicant" without authorization from the PTBC. A Citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

1. Business and Professions Code 2639. Graduate Practice. Every graduate of an approved physical therapist education program who has filed a complete application for licensure with the board for the first time may, following receipt of a letter of authorization to perform as a "physical therapist license applicant" perform as a physical therapist under the direct and immediate supervision of a physical therapist licensed in the state...

On October 14, 2003, you telephoned the PTBC office to inquire about the status of your application. During the telephone conversation, you admitted that you had been working as a "physical therapist license applicant" at Levas Physical Therapy. However, the letter giving you authorization to work as a "physical therapy license applicant" was not mailed until October 16, 2003. Based on your admission and the information received from your employer, it has been confirmed that you worked as a "physical therapist licensed applicant" without authorization from the PTBC for the period of September 19, 2003 through October 15, 2003 at Levas Physical and Occupational Therapy, 9404 Genesee Avenue, Suite 310, in La Jolla, California.

ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$ 200.00** to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

If you wish to contest all or any part of this Citation, complete the enclosed "Notice of Appeal -Request for Informal Conference" form and return it to this office within 10 days after receipt of this Citation. The date indicated on the order of abatement will be held in abeyance only for any violation(s) you wish to contest. The time to correct all uncontested violations will be adhered to as specified. In the alternative, you may, within 30 days after receipt of this Citation, request a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge under the Administrative Procedure Act.

FAILURE TO RETURN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE FORM OR TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN THE TIMES INDICATED WILL WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTEST OR APPEAL THIS CITATION.

Administrative Fine

\$ 200.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

January 14, 2004

Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL

Executive Officer

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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Citation Against: Claudia Gonzalez, P.T.

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First Cause:

Violations: Business and Professions Code Section 2639 .

Description:

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Order of Correction

You are hereby ordered to abate this violation immediately and to cease and desist from further violation.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Citation and Order of Abatement within 30 days of receipt may result in further legal action.